

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3-14, 16-24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32-36, 39-41, 44, 46-57, 59-67, 69, 70, 72, 73, 75-79, 82-84, and 87 are pending in this application, with Claims 1, 44, and 87 being independent.

Claims 1, 44, and 87 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 44, and 87 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Admitted Prior Art (Application background, pages 1-4) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,540,880 (“Hirosawa”) and U.S. Patent No. 6,112,242 (“Jois”). Claims 1, 44, and 87 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Admitted Prior Art in view of Jois. The dependent claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over various combinations of the Admitted Prior Art and Jois, and one or more of U.S. Patent No. 5,786,814 (“Moran”), U.S. Patent No. 5,918,222 (“Fukui”), U.S. Patent No. 5,727,129 (“Barrett”), and U.S. Patent No. 6,018,342 (“Bristor”).

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 1 of the invention, as amended, recites an information processing apparatus including input means for entering a document, first output processing means for printing out on a paper the document entered by the input means as a first output processing operation, storage means for storing print hysteresis data containing a printed document which has been printed by the first output processing means, data selection means for selecting one of the hysteresis data from the storage means, output processing selection means for selecting one of a plurality of types of output processing which is different from the printing

as a second output processing operation, and second output processing means for performing the second output processing operation on the printed document contained in the hysteresis data selected by the data selection means. Independent Claims 44 and 87 respectively recite a method and a storage medium each having features that generally correspond to the features recited in Claim 1.

According to these features, a document that has been entered is printed out on paper, print hysteresis data containing a printed document which has been printed is stored, one of the hysteresis data is selected from storage, one of a plurality of types of output processing different from the printing is selected as a second output processing operation, and the second output processing operation is performed on the printed document contained in the hysteresis data.

In contrast to the invention, the Admitted Prior Art (APA) merely discloses repeating an editing operation for displayed data, based on previous editing operations which have been stored in a history.

Hirosawa, which relates to a method and apparatus for monitoring communication between a computer and plural console devices, discloses that the history of data such as command data stored in an auxiliary storage 225 is edited by executing edition output program 235 and output to a line printer 220. In other words, this patent discloses editing and printing a command data history.

Jois relates to a system and method for dynamic data interaction in a hypertext data processing system. This patent discloses that a sent web page is cached in a local storage, and that a local copy in the local storage is retrieved when a copy of the web page is demanded. In other words, the re-display of a stored web page that has already been previously displayed is

disclosed. In addition, according to Jois, an items catalog is displayed on a subpage of a web page, and an “add” button is displayed together with listed product items. A purchase order for the items is sent to a server when the add button is clicked. However, the purchase order sent to a server is not the displayed web page, but rather, other data different from the web page, retrieved from the cache memory. Applicants submit that this is different from the subject invention, in which a document entered is printed out on a paper and one of a plurality of types of output processing different from the printing is selected as the second output processing.

It is submitted that, assuming that it were proper to combine the APA, Hirose, and Jois in the manners suggested in the Office Action, the proposed combinations would still fail to teach or suggest at least the features of the invention, as recited in Claims 1, 44, and 87, of printing out on a paper an entered document, storing print hysteresis data containing a printing document which has been printed by first output processing means, selecting one of the hysteresis data from storage means, selecting one of a plurality of types of output processing different from the printing as a second output processing operation, and performing the second output processing operation on the printed document contained in the hysteresis data. Further, Applicants submit that none of Moran, Fukui, Barrett, and Bristol remedy this deficiency, whether taken singly or in any of the combinations suggested in the Office Action.

Therefore, it is submitted that independent Claims 1, 44, and 87 patentably distinguish the invention over all of the cited art. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the §103 rejections are requested.

Applicant submits that the independent claims patentably define the invention over the cited art. Further, the dependent claims should be allowable for the same reasons that

the base claims from which they depend are allowable, and further due to the additional features that they recite. Individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the claims and passage to issue of the application at the Examiner's earliest convenience are requested.

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